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...testing tubes on the self-service tube tester.

Each tester varies somewhat in operation and design, simply follow the instructions designated on the tester panel, allow the tube to warm up. Then observe the meter and short lights. This handy service will quickly evaluate the condition of your tubes. You will find a complete stock of nationally advertised replacement tubes on hand at all U-Test-M tester locations.



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After you have tested the suspected tubes and replaced any if needed, check to see that you haven't accidentally pulled any wires loose, see that all tubes that require a wire and cap on top of the tubes have these caps back in place. Also be sure that all tube shields have been put back on the tubes that need them.

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Now, replace the back cover, taking care to seat the interlock switch properly so contact is made, and last, see that the antenna connections are securely fastened and not touching (shorted across) or broken. Move the set back to its original position, turn it on, and enjoy your favorite program.

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1.

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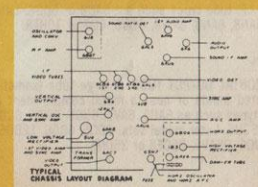
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consult your tube layout chart, this information enables you to quickly locate and test suspected tubes.



Most TV sets have tube layout charts glued to the back cover or inside the cabinet. This chart provides the tube type numbers, their function and their position on the chassis.

FOLLOW THESE ABC'S...

A

TEST OSCILLATOR-MIXER. Tube located on the tuner behind the channel selector dial. Some sets the tuner is mounted separately or beneath the chassis—look for tube types such as: 6J6, 6U8, 6X8, 12AJ7, 12AT7, 12AZ7 or 12AT7. Later model sets 5B6, 5BR8, 5C6, 5CL6, 5CL8, 5J6, 5U8, 6AT8, 6BR8, 6C6, 6C8, 6CQ8, 6EA8, 6FG7 or 7HG8.

TEST RF AMPLIFIER TUBE. Located on the tuner with the OSCILLATOR-MIXER tube. Tube types such as: 6AG5, 6AK5, 6BC5, 6BK7, 6BQ7, 6BZ7 or 6CB6. Later model sets: 2BN4, 2CY5, 2FH5, 2GK5, 3CB6, 3CY5, 3EA6, 3GK5, 4BQ7, 4CB6, 4BS8, 4BZ7, 4GK5, 5BK7, 5CY5, 6BN4, 6BC8, 6BZ8, 6ER5, 6ES5, 6ES8, 6FH5, 6Q5, 6FY6, 6GK5, 6SF5, X-155 or NUVISTAR (6CW4).

B

TEST PICTURE I.F. TUBES. Two, three or four miniature tubes that run in a line across the width or the length of the chassis. Look for tube types 6AU6, 6BZ6, 6BC5, 6CB6 or 6DE6. Later model sets 3AU6, 3BZ6, 3CB6, 4AU6, 5B8, 5EW6, 5GM6, 6AN8, 6AW8, 6CF6, 6DK6, 6DT6, 6EH7, 6EJ7, 6EW6 or 6GM6. Some sets use a video detector tube such as 3AL5, 5AM8, 6AL5, 6AM8, 6AN8, 12AU7 or 12AT7. Located behind the last picture I.F. tube.

C

TEST VIDEO AMPLIFIER OR VIDEO OUTPUT TUBE. (Some sets use both.) Tube types such as: 6AC7, 6AG7, 6AH6, 6CL6, 6AQ5, 12AT7, 12AU7, 12BH7 or 12BY7. Later model sets: 6AM8, 6AM9, 6AN8, 6AW8, 6BA8, 6AU8, 6CX8, 6GK6, 6GN8, 8AW8 or 10HF8.

D

TEST SOUND (Audio) OUTPUT TUBE. Located close to the point the speaker wires enter the chassis. Tube types such as: 6AQ5, 6AS5, 6BF5, 6K6, 6V6, 6W6, 6Y6 or 25L6. Later model sets: 5AQ5, 5AS8, 6BQ5, 6DG6, 12BK5, 12C5, 12ED5, 12L6, 12CA5 or 25BK5.

NOTE: Some sets use the sound output tube as part of the power supply as well as to operate the speaker.

E

The following sound tubes are generally located close to the sound output tube. Test sound amplifier tubes such as: 6AT6, 6AV6, 6J5, 6SN7 or 6SQ7. Later models 3AV6, 5AS8 or 6AM8.

Test sound detector tubes (Ratio Detector) types such as: 6AL5, 6BN6 or 6T8. Later model sets 3AL5, 3BN6, 4DT6, 5T8 or 6GX6.

Test sound I.F. tube types such as: 6AU6 or 6CB6. Later model sets 5U8, 5AN8, 6AN8, 6AW8, 6EW6, 6U8 or 10HF8.

F

TEST HORIZONTAL OUTPUT TUBE: A large tube (sometimes two tubes) located inside or near a metal compartment 6" to 8" high. Tube types such as 6AU5, 6AV5, 6BQ6, 6CQ6, 6CU6, 25BQ6 or 25CQ6. Later model sets: 6DQ5, 6DQ6, 12BQ6, 12DQ6, 17CQ6, 17DQ6, 25AV5, 25CQ6 or 25DN6.



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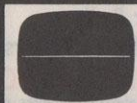
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SNOWY SCREEN
WEAK OR NO SOUND
SEE SECTION...A



SCREEN LIGHTED
NORMAL OR NO SOUND
SEE SECTIONS...A, B, C & D



THIN LINE
SOUND OK
SEE SECTION...K



PICTURE FOLDOVER
SOUND OK
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DIAGONAL LINES
SOUND OK
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NORMAL PICTURE
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WEAK PICTURE
(LACKS CONTRAST) SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS...A, B & C



LACKS HEIGHT
SOUND OK
SEE SECTION...K



FLOP OVER
SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS...K & L



PICTURE BENDS
SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS...N, H & L



PICTURE LACKS WIDTH
SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS...N, F, G, H & J



NO PICTURE (NO LIGHT)
NO SOUND
SEE SECTIONS...J & D

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G

TEST DAMPER TUBE. Located next to the horizontal output tube. Tube types such as 5V4, 6AX4, 6BY5, 6W4, 12AX4 or 25W4. Later model sets: 6AU4, 17AX4, 17AU4 or 19AU4. Also test or substitute a new fuse (if used) generally located close to this tube.

H

TEST HORIZONTAL OSCILLATOR TUBE. Inside or near a metal compartment 6" to 8" high. Tube types such as: 6SN7, 12AT7, 12AU7 or 12SN7. Later model sets 6CG7, 6DR7, 6EA8, 6FQ7, 6GH8, 7AU7, 8CG7, 8FQ7 or 9AU7.

NOTE: If this tube is replaced, it may be necessary to reset the horizontal oscillator adjustment. Turn adjustment slowly until lines broaden and picture forms.

I

Test High Voltage Rectifier Tube or Tubes inside the metal compartment. Tube types such as 1AX2, 1B3, 1J3, 1K3, 1S2, 1X2 or 3A3.

J

TEST LOW VOLTAGE RECTIFIER TUBE. A large tube (sometimes two) near the power transformer. Tube types such as 3D4, 5AS4, 5AX4, 5D4, 5Y3 or 5U4. Check low voltage fuse (if used) located near the power transformer or below the chassis.

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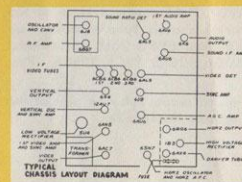
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SNOWY SCREEN
WEAK OR NO SOUND
SEE SECTION 1



SCREEN LIGHTED
NORMAL OR NO SOUND
SEE SECTION 1, 2, 3 & 4



THIN LINE
SOUND OK
SEE SECTION 11



PICTURE FOLDOVER
SOUND OK
SEE SECTION 11



DIAGONAL LINES
SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS 14, 8 & 12



NORMAL PICTURE
NO, WEAK OR DISTORTED SOUND
SEE SECTIONS 4 & 5



NO PICTURE (NO LIGHT)
SOUND OK
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SEE SECTION 11



FLOP OVER
SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS 11 & 12



PICTURE BENDS
SOUND OK
SEE SECTIONS 14, 8 & 12



PICTURE LACKS WIDTH
SOUND OK
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NO PICTURE (NO LIGHT)
NO SOUND
SEE SECTIONS 10 & 4

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